CITY OF MORGAN HILL JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES – May 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present:

Council/Agency Members: Carr, Lee, Librers, Sellers, and Mayor/Chairman Tate

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Mayor/Chairman Tate certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council and Redevelopment Agency Action

WORKSHOP:

1. CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET

City Manager/Executive Director Tewes presented the Council/Agency Members with a budget overview, focusing on the need to revise the City's entire business model in light of the assumptions that underpin the old model no longer being valid. Finance Director Riper summarized the overall economic environment. Budget Manager Forbis addressed the general fund revenue forecast and resulting fund balance projections. Assistant to the City Manager Stott provided information about labor costs for the budget year and beyond; each vacant and filled position recommended for elimination in the budget; and the results of recent labor agreements with the Police Officers Association and Community Service Officers Association that resulted in changes to the recommended budget document as published two weeks ago.

Mayor/Chairman Tate invited individual departments to make presentations regarding the service-level implications of the recommended budget for their operations. Most of the workshop was devoted to these presentations, including questions from, and discussion by, Council/Agency Members.

Topics discussed extensively included battalion chief coverage under the City's contract for fire services with Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District; Police Officer staffing levels, particularly with respect to School Resource Officers; reduced City financial support for non-revenue-producing activities in the Recreation and Community Services Department, especially programs for seniors and teens offered in conjunction with the YMCA; reduced maintenance standards for City parks; and several specific projects in the proposed capital improvement program.

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Following the departmental presentations and discussion, Mayor/Chairman Tate opened the floor to public comment. Frank Manocchio commented on the difficulties facing the City in balancing the budget over the long term, and offered several suggestions for how to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor/Chairman Tate adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:

KEVIN RIPER, FINANCE DIRECTOR/AGENCY TREASURER